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VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Shahla Farahnak
State Water Resources Control Board

Ms. Tracie Billington
Department of Water Resources

Re: Proposition 50 IRWM Grant Program – Second Funding Cycle

Dear Ms. Farahnak and Ms. Billington:

I am writing on behalf of the Bolinas Community Public Utility District (“BCPUD”) in western Marin County; our district currently is a member of the Tomales Bay Watershed Council (“TBWC”), a non-profit coalition of thirty groups, agencies and individuals and a recipient of a \$469,000 planning grant from the State of California for the preparation of an Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan (“ICWMP”) (grant # 05-227-550-0).

Our district joined the TBWC and entered into the integrated coastal watershed management planning grant process with the understanding and expectation that preparation of the ICWMP would position our district to apply for Phase 2 Implementation Funds to accomplish needed, prioritized projects within the watershed. The TBWC has invested hundreds of hours in pursuit of a final ICWMP, which is well on the way towards completion and adoption by June of 2007.

We have just learned of several important decisions that will be made in the next few months concerning future funding for the Proposition 50 program and wish to make the following comments:

1. Please reserve funding for the second cycle of implementation grants for the Proposition 50 program.
2. Please do not narrow the funding consideration for the next cycle of Phase 2 Implementation Funding only to the groups that have already submitted Phase 1 Implementation Grant applications for their adopted plans. To do so will exclude groups that are currently in the planning grant cycle from any further Proposition 50 funding opportunities.
3. Please allocate a portion of the second cycle of Phase 2 Implementation funds to the unique and relatively small group of planning grants that cover ICWMP’s. Doing so will enable these regions to apply for implementation funds for prioritized projects identified in their soon-to-be-adopted ICWMP’s.

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Thank-you very much for your consideration of our comments. Please contact me at the phone number listed above or via e-mail at jblackman@bcpud.org if you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Jennifer Blackman
General Manager

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